Governor's Commission on Home and Community-Based Services

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Acknowledgements

This June 2003 Report of the Governor's Commission on Home and Community-Based Services represents the cumulative work of a great many people, all of whom committed a great deal of time and energy to working through the many barriers and action steps needed to shift the balance of long-term care services in Indiana. This effort has been one of the most expansive efforts dedicated to long-term care in Indiana to date, bringing together highly regarded members of both the public and private sectors to contribute their skills and expertise in a forum that has never before been convened.

Governor's Commission on Home and Community-Based Services

The Commission members worked diligently to understand and work through the systemic barriers and action steps needed to shift the long-term care balance of services in Indiana. Commission members included: Mr. Bryan Blanchard; Ms. Sally Blankenship; Senator Billie Breaux; Representative Charlie Brown; Mr. Vincent Caponi; Representative Cleo Duncan; Ms. Nancy Griffin; the Honorable Allan Kauffman; Senator Connie Lawson; Mr. James Leich; Mr. Louis Martinez; Mr. James McCormick; Ms. Rose Meissner; Ms. Sharon Pierce; Dr. Stephen Rappaport; Reverend Roosevelt Sanders; Mr. William Sheldrake; Mr. Albert Tolbert; Ms. Karen Vaughn; Mr. Richard Wherry; and its chairperson, Ms. Katherine Humphreys.

Task Forces

The Commission convened five task forces to research and evaluate issues and then submit recommendations to the Commission for their review and consideration. These task forces met at least monthly, presented regularly at Commission meetings, and committed many hours to their research and discussions. We would especially like to acknowledge those persons who agreed to serve as chairpersons for these task forces.

- Children at-Risk: Mr. Denny Jones, Chair
- Community Personal Assistance and Support Services: Ms. Kathy Davis, Chair; Ms. Cris Fulford, Vice-Chair
- Housing: Mr. John Dickerson, Chair
- Transitions: Ms. Anne Jacoby, Chair
- Transportation and Employment: Mr. Curt Wiley, Chair

Consumer Advisory Committee

Absolutely essential to the Commission's work was the Consumer Advisory Committee, an advisory committee made up of a cross-disability group of consumers and advocates, representing persons who are elderly, persons with developmental disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, and persons with mental illness. They worked tirelessly to review and evaluate the recommendations and action steps developed by the task forces, and to provide advice and insight into the systemic barriers and sometimes overwhelming process and program obstacles as seen through the eyes of the consumer. We would like to extend special thanks to the Committee's Chairperson, Mr. Ed Bell.

Technical Advisory Group

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